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POTATO STOCKS

Total stocks of potatoes stored in Pennsylvania on May 1, 2000 were 450,000 cwt., up 320,000 cwt. from last year. Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes for the past 5 years averaged 90.7 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 9.3 percent. Most seed for use the following year is on hand but remains as part of stocks until moved or planted.

U.S. potato stocks totaled 85.7 million cwt. on May 1, 2000, down 3 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. Stocks made up 20 percent of fall potato production in the 15 storage states, down 1 percentage point from last year. Season-to-date disappearance totaled 335 million cwt., down slightly from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. A total of 163 million cwt. of the 1999 potato crop have been processed to date. April processor usage was a record 17.3 million cwt., down 6 percent from a year ago and 2 percent below two years ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 2000 totaled 978 million pounds, up 2.9 percent from last year's production. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 615,000 head, down 3,000 head from March but unchanged from April 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds in April, 30 pounds less than March but 45 pounds more than April 1999.

Milk production in the 20 states surveyed during April 2000 totaled 12.4 billion pounds, 3.7 percent above production in these same states during April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states averaged 7.79 million head, up 66,000 head from a year earlier, and 12,000 head more than in March of 2000.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Mar	Feb	Mar
000 Lbs.			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Butter	10,711	11,794	11,068
Ice Cream	4,063	3,223	4,362
UNITED STATES			
Butter	125,357	130,259	124,290
Cheese:			
American Types	317,731	302,331	317,456
Swiss	18,498	17,486	18,264
Brick and Muenster	7,729	6,974	6,949
Cream and Neufchatel	53,366	38,763	60,742
Mozzarella	221,945	204,909	227,890
Other Italian	54,731	53,602	59,723
Total Italian Types	276,676	258,511	287,613
All Other	15,500	14,231	16,102
Total	697,446	645,567	715,404
Cottage Cheese, Curd	41,135	37,203	39,502
Cottage Cheese, Cream	31,646	28,243	31,234
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	34,090	29,381	33,314
NF Dry Milk, Human	128,778	133,111	142,705
000 Gal.			
FROZEN PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream, Hard	77,201	67,755	80,802
Ice Cream, Lowfat	34,290	27,171	34,769
Ice Cream, Nonfat	3,124	2,550	3,200
Sherbet	4,781	3,663	4,559
MIX FOR PRODUCTS:			
Ice Cream Mix	42,572	37,931	45,652
Ice Cream Mix, Lowfat	19,275	15,101	19,338
Ice Cream Mix, Nonfat	1,554	1,685	1,897
Sherbet Mix	3,367	2,645	3,298

DAIRY PRODUCTS

United States' butter production was 124 million pounds in March, 0.9 percent below March 1999 and 4.6 percent below February 2000.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 715 million pounds, 2.6 percent above March 1999 and 10.8 percent above February 2000. American type cheese production totaled 317 million pounds, 0.1 percent below March 1999 but 5.0 percent above February 2000. Cream cottage cheese production was 31.2 million pounds, 1.3 percent below March 1999 but 10.6 percent above February 2000. Lowfat cottage cheese production was 33.3 million pounds, 2.3 percent below March 1999 but 13.4 percent above February 2000.

Frozen desserts (comparisons with March 1999): ice cream (hard) - 80.8 million gallons, up 4.7 percent; ice cream (lowfat) - 34.8 million gallons, up 1.4 percent; ice cream (nonfat) - 3.20 million gallons, up 2.4 percent; sherbet (hard) - 4.56 million gallons, down 4.6 percent.

Pennsylvania: Corn for Grain - Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 1999

County & District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield	Production	Value of Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Crawford	32,600	19,600	93.0	1,822,800	4,648,100
Erie	27,400	21,200	94.0	1,992,800	5,081,600
Forest	700	400	100.0	40,000	102,000
Mercer	34,500	26,400	98.0	2,587,200	6,597,400
Venango	5,600	4,100	96.0	393,600	1,003,700
Warren	5,200	3,300	92.0	303,600	774,200
Northwestern, Total	106,000	75,000	95.2	7,140,000	18,207,000
Bradford	34,300	8,700	79.0	687,300	1,752,600
Cameron	200	100	63.0	6,300	16,100
Clinton	10,000	5,400	68.0	367,200	936,400
Elk	1,200	400	70.0	28,000	71,400
Lycoming	27,500	19,800	78.0	1,544,400	3,938,000
McKean	1,500	300	64.0	19,200	49,000
Potter	6,000	1,800	84.0	151,200	385,600
Sullivan	3,500	1,000	65.0	65,000	165,800
Tioga	16,800	3,500	66.0	231,000	589,100
North Central, Total	101,000	41,000	75.6	3,099,600	7,904,000
Lackawanna	2,400	200	71.0	14,200	36,200
Susquehanna	8,500	1,100	66.0	72,600	185,100
Wayne	3,600	500	64.0	32,000	81,600
Wyoming	8,500	1,200	63.0	75,600	192,800
Northeastern, Total	23,000	3,000	64.8	194,400	495,700
Armstrong	17,500	11,800	80.0	944,000	2,407,200
Beaver	6,200	3,700	78.0	288,600	735,900
Butler	17,700	13,000	81.0	1,053,000	2,685,200
Clarion	10,200	6,500	82.0	533,000	1,359,200
Indiana	21,500	15,000	78.0	1,170,000	2,983,500
Jefferson	9,500	4,600	83.0	381,800	973,600
Lawrence	21,400	17,400	96.0	1,670,400	4,259,400
West Central, Total	104,000	72,000	83.9	6,040,800	15,404,000
Blair	27,500	4,800	85.0	408,000	1,040,400
Cambria	12,400	9,000	71.0	639,000	1,629,500
Centre	31,600	20,200	80.0	1,616,000	4,120,800
Clearfield	5,900	3,200	86.0	275,200	701,800
Columbia	24,800	22,400	79.0	1,769,600	4,512,500
Dauphin	21,400	16,600	61.0	1,012,600	2,582,100
Huntingdon	24,000	8,200	71.0	582,200	1,484,600
Juniata	20,200	13,400	81.0	1,085,400	2,767,800
Mifflin	21,200	12,900	88.0	1,135,200	2,894,800
Montour	9,400	8,500	60.0	510,000	1,300,500
Northumberland	42,900	38,500	75.0	2,887,500	7,363,000
Perry	23,900	15,300	67.0	1,025,100	2,614,000
Snyder	24,400	17,700	77.0	1,362,900	3,475,400
Union	20,400	14,300	76.0	1,086,800	2,771,300
Central, Total	310,000	205,000	75.1	15,395,500	39,258,500
Carbon	3,900	2,000	42.0	84,000	214,200
Lehigh	40,000	35,500	54.0	1,917,000	4,888,400
Luzerne	9,000	6,000	53.0	318,000	810,900
Monroe	4,000	2,700	51.0	137,700	351,100
Northampton	41,100	34,000	46.0	1,563,900	3,987,900
Pike	400	300	46.0	13,800	35,200
Schuylkill	23,600	13,500	50.0	675,000	1,721,300
East Central, Total	122,000	94,000	50.1	4,709,400	12,009,000
Allegheny	1,300	800	64.0	51,200	130,600
Fayette	11,200	7,300	55.0	401,500	1,023,800
Greene	1,700	800	57.0	45,600	116,300
Somerset	29,300	13,800	56.0	772,800	1,970,600
Washington	9,500	5,800	63.0	365,400	931,800
Westmoreland	21,000	13,500	67.0	904,500	2,306,500
Southwestern, Total	74,000	42,000	60.5	2,541,000	6,479,600
Adams	33,300	23,800	52.0	1,237,700	3,156,100
Bedford	34,500	10,200	73.0	744,600	1,898,700
Cumberland	42,300	16,500	78.0	1,287,100	3,282,100
Franklin	78,800	31,000	80.0	2,480,100	6,324,300
Fulton	10,600	2,500	52.0	130,000	331,500
York	85,500	74,000	70.0	5,180,500	13,210,300
South Central, Total	285,000	158,000	70.0	11,060,000	28,203,000
Berks	73,000	37,400	44.0	1,645,600	4,196,300
Bucks	24,500	20,100	41.0	824,100	2,101,500
Chester	48,900	31,200	71.0	2,215,200	5,648,600
Delaware	600	300	63.0	18,900	48,200
Lancaster	173,000	71,000	65.0	4,614,900	11,768,000
Lebanon	45,000	24,600	72.0	1,771,200	4,516,600
Montgomery	10,000	5,400	61.0	329,400	840,000
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-
Southeastern, Total	375,000	190,000	60.1	11,419,300	29,119,200
Pennsylvania	1,500,000	880,000	70.0	61,600,000	157,080,000

Pennsylvania: Corn for Silage - Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 1999

County & District	Harvested for Silage	Yield	Production	Value of Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Crawford	12,200	11.5	140,300	3,437,350
Erie	5,600	13.0	72,800	1,783,600
Forest	200	11.0	2,200	53,900
Mercer	7,200	11.4	82,100	2,011,450
Venango	1,200	13.8	16,600	406,700
Warren	1,600	12.0	19,200	470,400
Northwestern, Total	28,000	11.9	333,200	8,163,400
Bradford	25,300	9.8	247,900	6,073,550
Cameron	100	10.0	1,000	24,500
Clinton	4,500	11.7	52,700	1,291,150
Elk	600	9.7	5,800	142,100
Lycoming	7,200	10.3	74,200	1,817,900
McKean	1,200	9.5	11,400	279,300
Potter	4,000	11.1	44,400	1,087,800
Sullivan	2,400	10.8	25,900	634,550
Tioga	12,700	10.6	134,100	3,285,450
North Central, Total	58,000	10.3	597,400	14,636,300
Lackawanna	1,900	9.7	18,400	450,800
Susquehanna	6,500	10.7	69,600	1,705,200
Wayne	3,000	9.7	29,200	715,400
Wyoming	5,600	10.3	57,900	1,418,550
Northeastern, Total	17,000	10.3	175,100	4,289,950
Armstrong	5,000	11.0	55,100	1,349,950
Beaver	2,100	9.5	20,000	490,000
Butler	4,500	11.0	49,500	1,212,750
Clarion	3,500	12.0	42,100	1,031,450
Indiana	6,500	10.5	68,400	1,675,800
Jefferson	4,500	9.3	41,900	1,026,550
Lawrence	3,900	12.8	50,000	1,225,000
West Central, Total	30,000	10.9	327,000	8,011,500
Blair	22,600	13.5	305,100	7,474,950
Cambria	3,200	12.0	38,400	940,800
Centre	10,800	10.6	114,500	2,805,250
Clearfield	2,400	11.1	26,600	651,700
Columbia	2,300	11.3	26,100	639,450
Dauphin	4,400	10.9	48,000	1,176,000
Huntingdon	15,700	9.5	149,100	3,652,950
Juniata	6,700	11.5	77,000	1,886,500
Mifflin	8,300	13.7	113,700	2,785,650
Montour	800	10.5	8,400	205,800
Northumberland	4,300	12.3	53,100	1,300,950
Perry	8,500	10.9	93,000	2,278,500
Snyder	6,500	11.1	72,200	1,768,900
Union	5,500	12.4	68,200	1,670,900
Central, Total	102,000	11.7	1,193,400	29,238,300
Carbon	1,500	8.5	12,800	313,600
Lehigh	2,000	9.6	19,200	470,400
Luzerne	2,200	9.7	21,300	521,850
Monroe	500	8.2	4,100	100,450
Northampton	4,800	8.5	40,800	999,600
Pike	-	-	-	-
Schuylkill	10,000	9.5	95,000	2,327,500
East Central, Total	21,000	9.2	193,200	4,733,400
Allegheny	300	9.0	2,700	66,150
Fayette	3,700	10.6	39,200	960,400
Greene	800	11.4	9,100	222,950
Somerset	14,700	9.8	144,100	3,530,450
Washington	3,500	9.7	34,000	833,000
Westmoreland	7,000	9.7	67,900	1,663,550
Southwestern, Total	30,000	9.9	297,000	7,276,500
Adams	9,200	8.2	75,400	1,847,300
Bedford	24,000	10.0	240,000	5,880,000
Cumberland	25,100	8.1	203,300	4,980,850
Franklin	46,900	9.5	445,500	10,914,750
Fulton	7,800	8.7	68,000	1,666,000
York	11,000	11.0	121,000	2,964,500
South Central, Total	124,000	9.3	1,153,200	28,253,400
Berks	34,400	8.3	285,500	6,994,750
Bucks	3,500	8.1	28,400	695,800
Chester	17,300	12.5	216,500	5,304,250
Delaware	100	11.0	1,100	26,950
Lancaster	101,300	11.5	1,165,000	28,542,500
Lebanon	19,700	10.1	199,000	4,875,500
Montgomery	3,700	8.1	30,000	735,000
Philadelphia	-	-	-	-
Southeastern, Total	180,000	10.7	1,925,500	47,174,750
Pennsylvania	590,000	10.5	6,195,000	151,777,500

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 2000
Young Chickens . .	Thous. Hd.	9,659	8,856	9,754	706,124	672,862	728,175
	Thous. Lbs.	51,244	46,605	51,644	3,554,707	3,380,693	3,634,585
Mature Chickens .	Thous. Hd.	-	-	-	16,160	13,595	15,709
	Thous. Lbs.	-	-	-	81,487	69,443	81,749
Young Turkeys . . .	Thous. Hd.	1	1	1	21,552	20,148	22,443
	Thous. Lbs.	1	1	1	545,901	523,407	592,797

¹ Figures are not available due to disclosure of individual operations.

CROP PRODUCTION

Based on May 1 conditions, Pennsylvania's 2000 production of winter wheat is expected to be 1 percent above 1999.

Acreage to be harvested is forecast at 195,000, 5,000 acres more than last year. Yield is forecast at 53 bushels per acre, down from 54 bushels a year ago. The resulting production of 10,335,000 bushels is compared to the 1999 production of 10,260,000 bushels.

Total 1999 tobacco production for Pennsylvania was 11,170,000 pounds. Southern Maryland, Type 32, acres harvested were 3,000 with an average yield per acre of 1,750 pounds and a production of 5,250,000 pounds. The total value of the Type 32 crop was set at \$4.2 million. Pennsylvania, Type 41, acres harvested were 3,200 with an average yield of 1,850 pounds per acre and production of 5,920,000 pounds. The total value of the Type 41 crop was \$7.7 million.

Hay stocks on Pennsylvania farms as of May 1 totaled 440,000 tons, 40 percent less than last May's level and 3 percent below the level of May 1, 1998.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2000 is forecast at 1.65 billion bushels based on crop conditions as of May 1. This is down 3 percent from 1999. Acres to be harvested is estimated at 34.7 million, down 2.5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, 0.3 less than last year's record yield.

Total 1999 U.S. tobacco production was 1.3 billion pounds, 13 percent below the 1998 production. The total value of the tobacco crop was \$2.36 billion.

All hay stocks on U.S. farms as of May 1 totaled 28.8 million tons, 16 percent above the May 1, 1999 stocks.

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